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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON COMPLIANCE WITH IMO ISPS CODE DELIVERED

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1. (U) Poloff delivered demarche per reftel 18 August to Head of the Americas Desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mohamed Omar Djama. Djama said he was familiar with the ISPS code and recommended Poloff pass the demarche to Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs, and the Director of the Port. Djama assured Poloff he would make sure the issue was addressed.

2. (U) Poloff delivered demarche to Technical Advisor to the Minister of Transport, Mohamed Ali, and to Harbormaster Captain Mohamed Moussa Abar 19 August. Poloff received favorable response on the issue and was informed that Djibouti has ratified the new regulations into law as of the end of June this year. Ali told Poloff he would transmit the information necessary. He also commented that Djibouti hopes to have all the changes put into practice by the end of this year. Captain Abar commented that while Djibouti has begun physically implementing the changes in regulation there is still work to be done. Abar noted that the financing required makes it difficult to do quickly. He also commented that the Port is putting pressure on Maritime affairs to ensure that all Djiboutian flag ships are up to code.

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